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fun to read together

Santa's Sleigh

1. For Christmas, The Fat Controller always put up a big tree, at the Main Station. "This year, I'd like to have a very unusual decoration, too!" he said.

2. His staff and engines tried to think of something really special. But no one could. Later, Mavis and Duck were in the snowy yard, waiting to enter the shed.

3. "I do hope I can get to sleep," said Mavis. "I'm so excited about Christmas. Will Santa be here tonight?" "Don't be silly," laughed Duck. "It's not Christmas Eve yet!"

4. "Then Santa will speed through the sky on his sleigh, bringing presents for everyone," Duck added. Both engines looked up and saw lots of stars above them.

5. Mavis peered harder, in case Santa was early. Nearby, Thomas heard Duck and smiled. Before Mavis went to sleep, she thought of Santa's sleigh.

6. Next day, Mavis set off to work. But Thomas had stayed up late, thinking about what Duck had said. He rolled across the yard to see The Fat Controller.

7. "About the decorations, sir," the little tank engine began. The Fat Controller listened then clapped his hands. "Perfect, Thomas! I'll see to it right away!" he said.

8. At last, Christmas Eve arrived. Mavis was more excited than ever and wanted to finish work early. But she broke down. Duck was sent out to bring her back.

9. Thick snow meant he could only go slowly. As Duck pulled Mavis, his wheels slipped on the icy rails. "I hope we won't miss Santa!" said Mavis.

10. "Do you think he's delivering presents already?" she called to Duck. They were nearing the Main Station. Suddenly, they stared in amazement.

11. Flying in the sky, above the station yard, was Santa's shining sleigh, pulled by reindeer who seemed to sparkle. "Look!" cried Mavis. "I was right! There he is!"

12. Duck was speechless. He was so shocked, he bumped against some buffers. "Oops! Sorry, Mavis!" he said. Next moment, Thomas came puffing closer.

13. "You gave me the idea for the new decoration when you talked about Santa!" Duck and Mavis could see Santa's sleigh was a large, painted model.

14. It was lit up with lights. "It's wonderful," smiled Mavis. "Just wait till the real Santa sees it when he visits while we're asleep tonight!" **The End**

Look and See!

1. How many people are wearing scarves?
2. What colours are the balloons?
3. How many Christmas puddings are there?
4. Where is Santa hiding?

Happy Holidays from Thomas and Friends!
Look at the picture, what can you see?

answers: 1. three. 2. orange, purple, yellow, pink, red, green, blue. 3. one. 4. in Thomas' cab.

Rusty's rebus story

Special Delivery

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

The words made into pictures are...

balloons

The Fat Controller

cards

tree

cake

signal

Percy

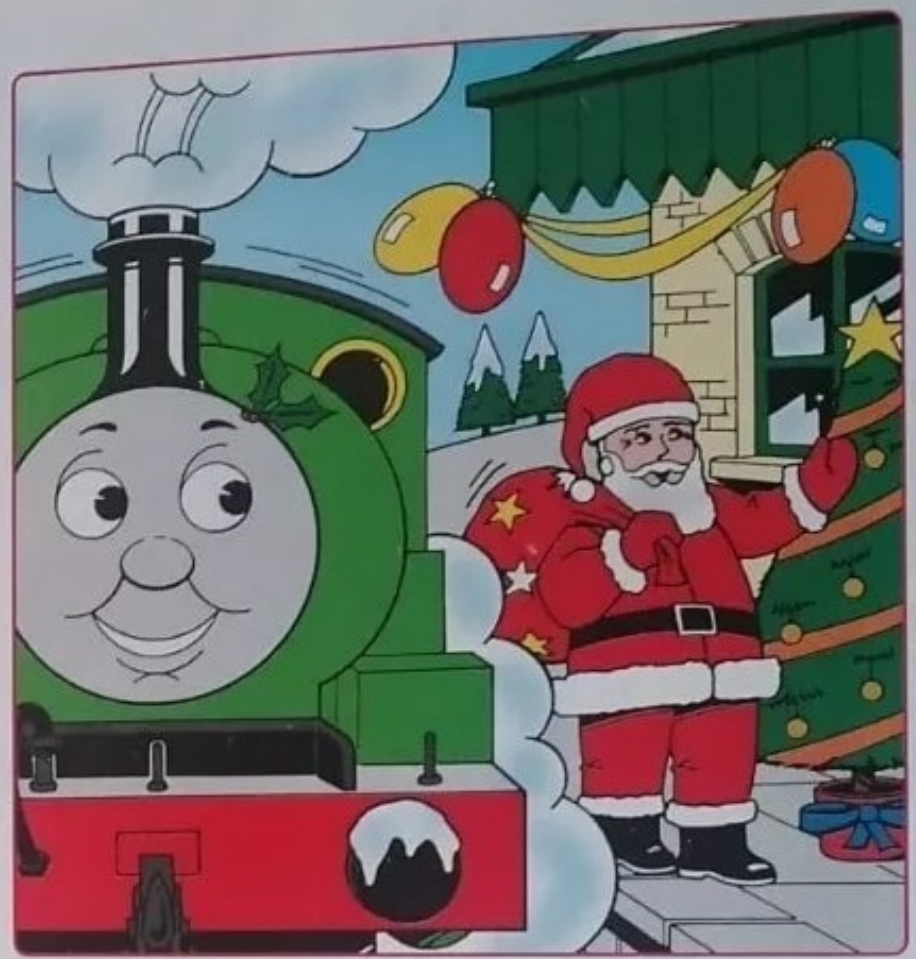
sack

Santa

Thomas

was busy delivering a big
of parcels and Christmas cards along his branch line. Next, he fetched a Christmas
. Then he stopped at a
by the Sodor bakery and quickly collected a Christmas cake. Afterwards, he went to the Big Harbour to get some decorations and
, being shipped from the mainland.

"It's not fair!" sulked . "I want to carry something special for Christmas, too!" Later, the Christmas was put up at the Main Station. So were the decorations and . The Christmas was left in The Fat Controller's office ready for a party after work. Thomas waited excitedly with the other engines. Only was missing. Suddenly, he proudly arrived with a special passenger. It was dressed as . He had gone home to fetch Christmas presents and for everyone. He brought them in a red . "Fancy me carrying !" laughed . "I had the most important job for Christmas, after all."



Millennium Mask!

You will need:

- A paper plate
- Safety scissors
- A long wooden stick
- Sticky tape

1. Get an adult to help you cut out this mask.
2. Glue it to a paper plate.
3. Then cut out some holes for the eyes.
4. Attach a long wooden stick to the back with sticky tape to support Thomas' funnel and as a handle to hold the mask in front of your face.

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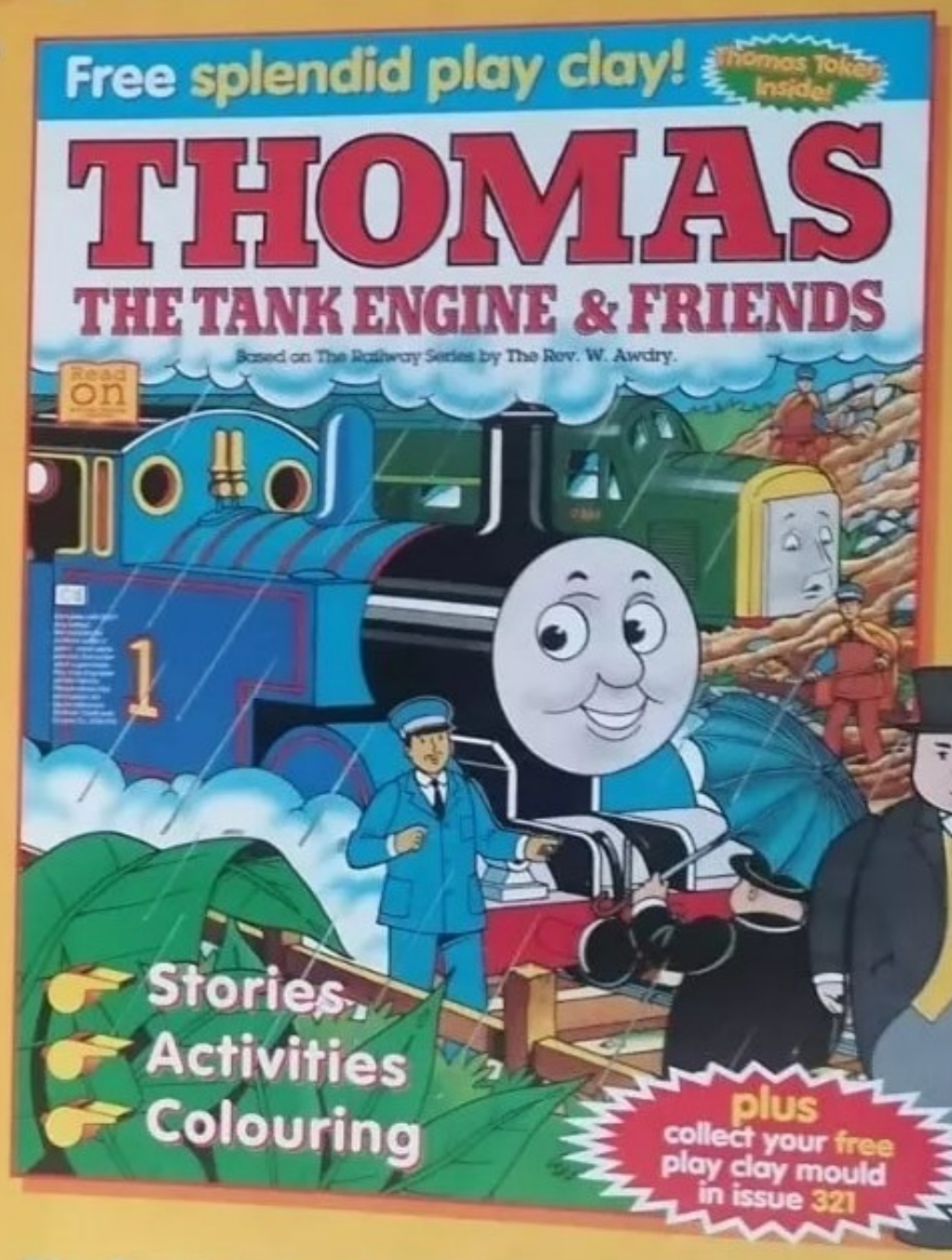

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Story puzzle

1

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The right order is

answer: 3,2,1,4

Write the numbers of these pictures below to show which order they should go in. Then tell the story yourself.

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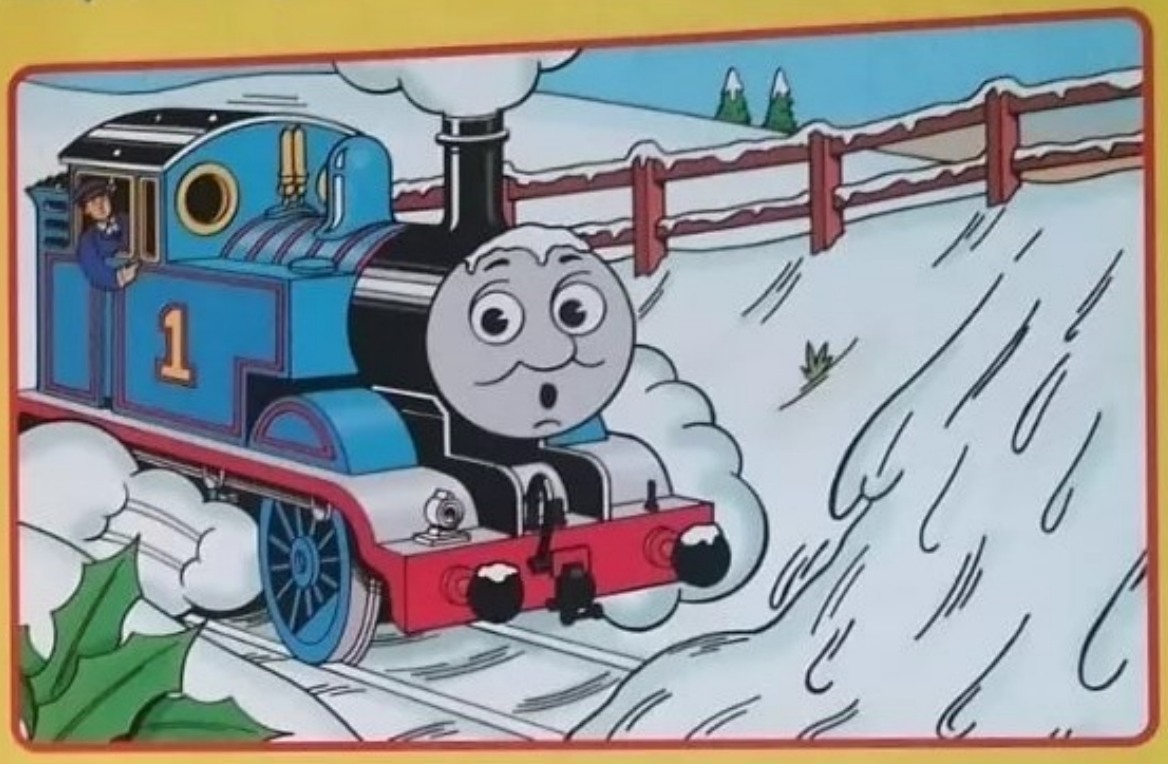

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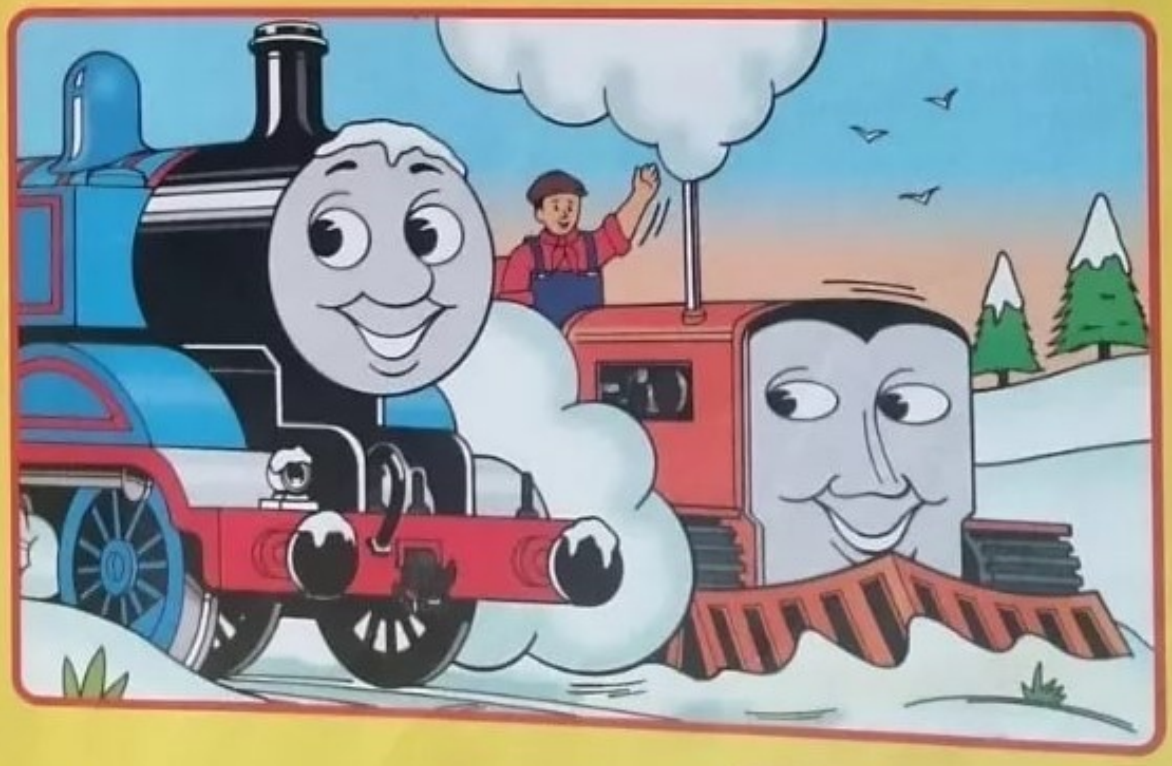
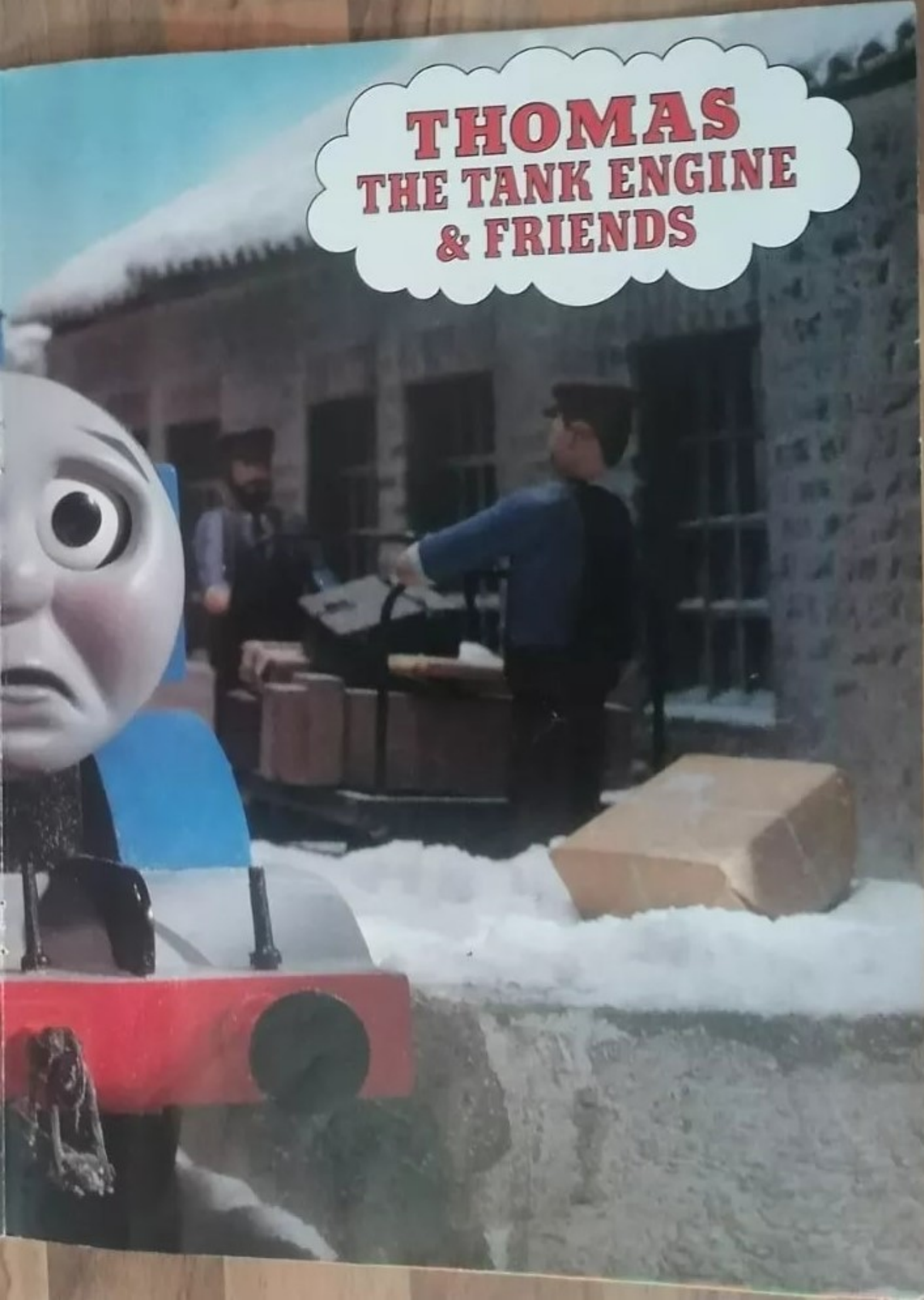


Who has the snowplough?

answer: Terence

Thomas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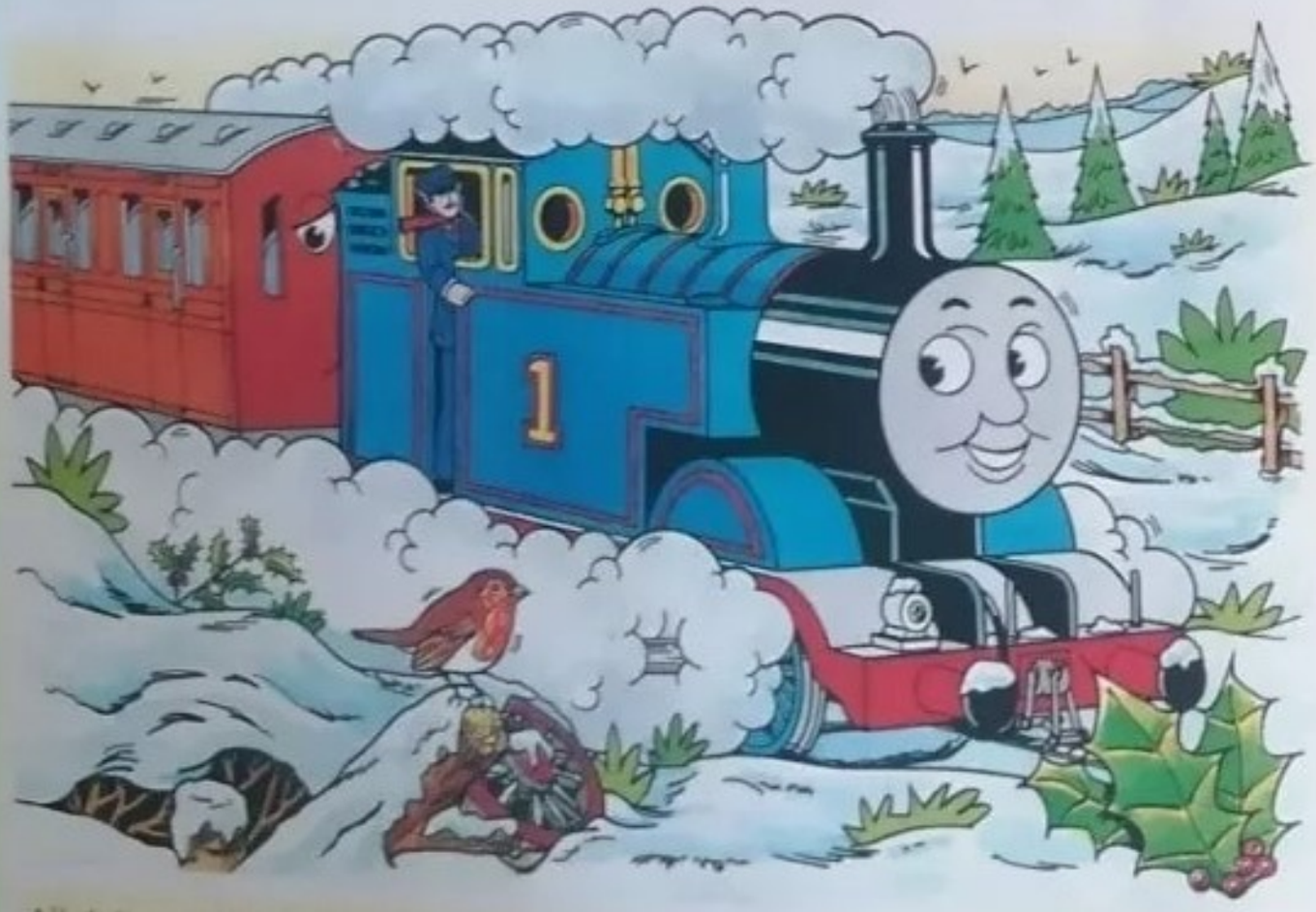
Thomas' rhyme time!

Thomas' Treat

Thomas puffed along the track,
Then he turned and headed back.

Everywhere looked very white,
Snow had fallen in the night.

He had to carry extra freight,
The Christmas presents couldn't wait!



All delivered! "PEEP! PIP! PIP!"
Thomas whistled, "I won't slip!"
The track was covered in thick snow,
But Thomas knew which way to go.
In the yard, stood Bill and Ben,
Who should have been working then.

"We've broken down. The two of us!"
"It is causing quite a fuss.
We cannot work. It's up to you!"

So Thomas did the job of two!
He went to fetch their china clay,
It took him nearly all the day.

As Thomas pulled
the heavy load,

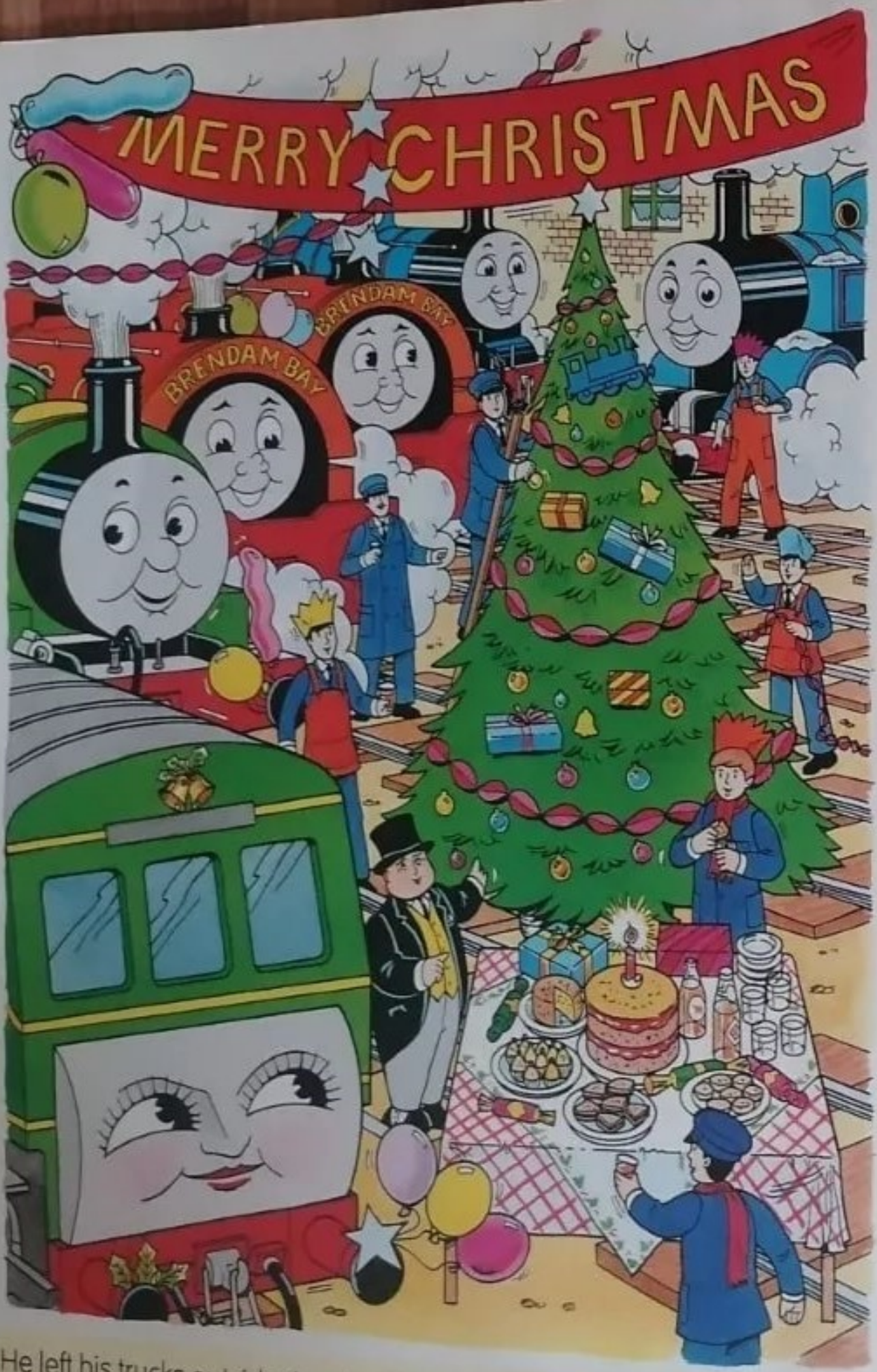
Bertie saw him from
the road.

He called, "You're puffing
very hard,

I hope you make it
to the yard!"

It was cold, a gale blew,

Thomas did, at last,
get through!



He left his trucks outside the shed,
Then rolled inside to go to bed,
He saw balloons and hot mince pies,
"Happy Christmas!" came the cries.
Laughed Ben, "We know you want a rest,
But thought you'd like a party best!"

The End

Colouring Fun!

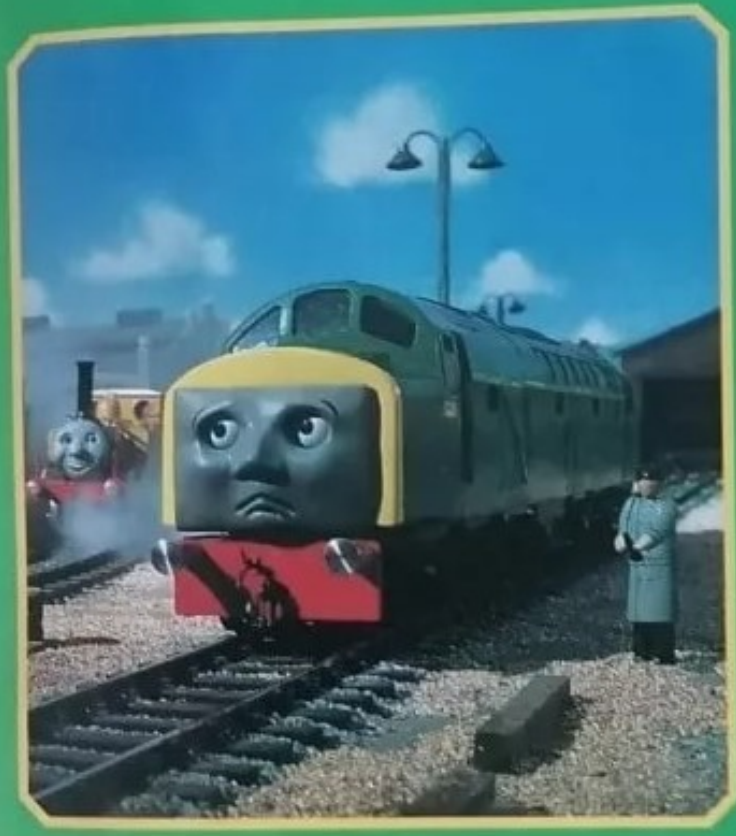
Which two engines are in this picture?
Who is wearing a snowplough?

Now use your crayons to colour in the picture!

All about

The Diesel, like all diesels thinks he knows it all. This annoys all the steam engines who try to put him in his place. He's also very snooty. Despite his immense power he finds out that steam engines can be Really Useful too!

The Diesel



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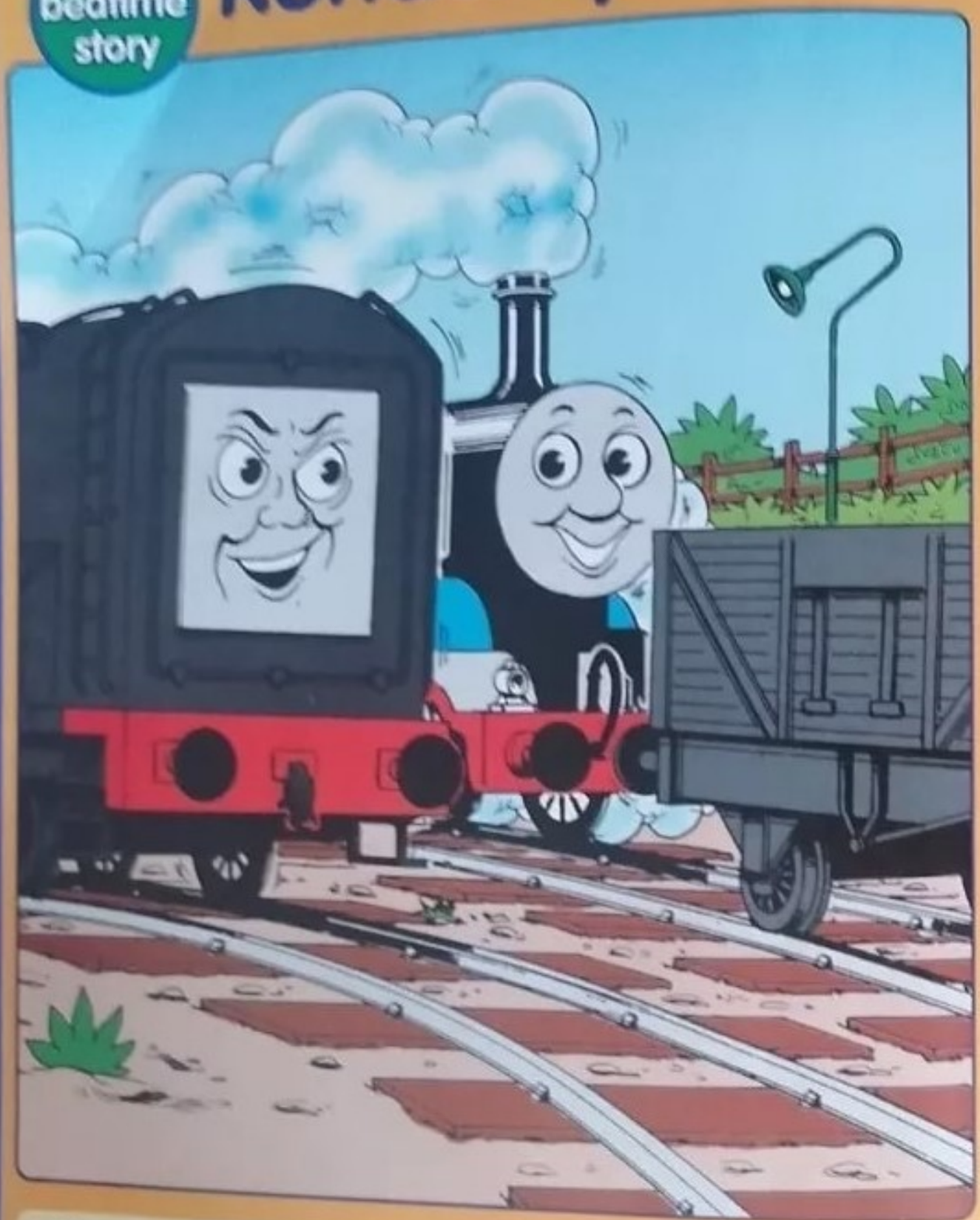
percy's bedtime story

Runaway Trucks

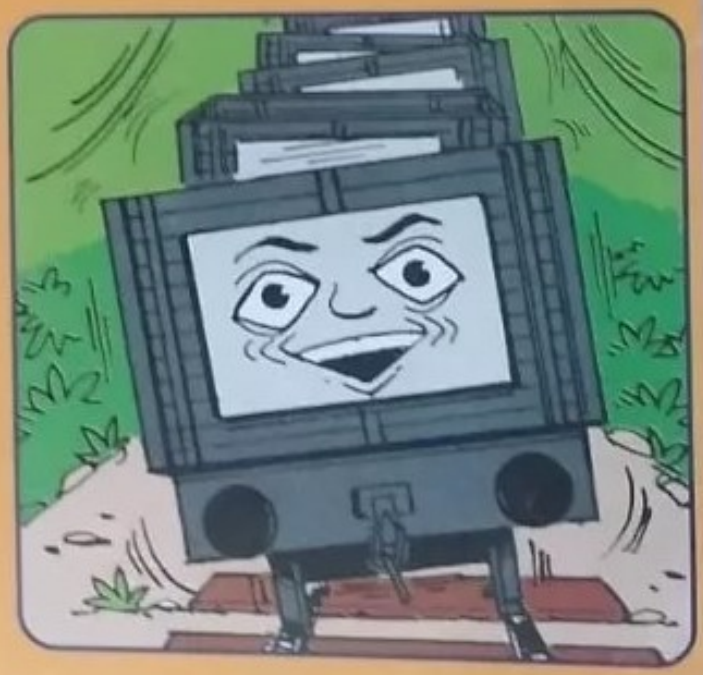


1. Devious Diesel was the meanest engine on Sodor. One day, looking for mischief as usual, he passed some trucks waiting to be shunted up Gordon's Hill.

2. "Who's moving you lot?" he asked. "Thomas," sighed a bored truck. "Well," Diesel smirked, "I know how you can have some fun, and land him in trouble..."

3. Soon, Thomas was coupled to the trucks. He was expecting them to be difficult, because trucks like to cause problems. Instead, he pulled them along easily.

4. Thomas reversed up Gordon's Hill. The trucks followed smoothly. "I'm glad you're behaving." Thomas whistled, thinking he was set for an easy morning.



5. Just then, the trucks gave a sudden jerk. The coupling between Thomas and the lead truck flew off. "We're free! We're free!" chuckled the trucks.

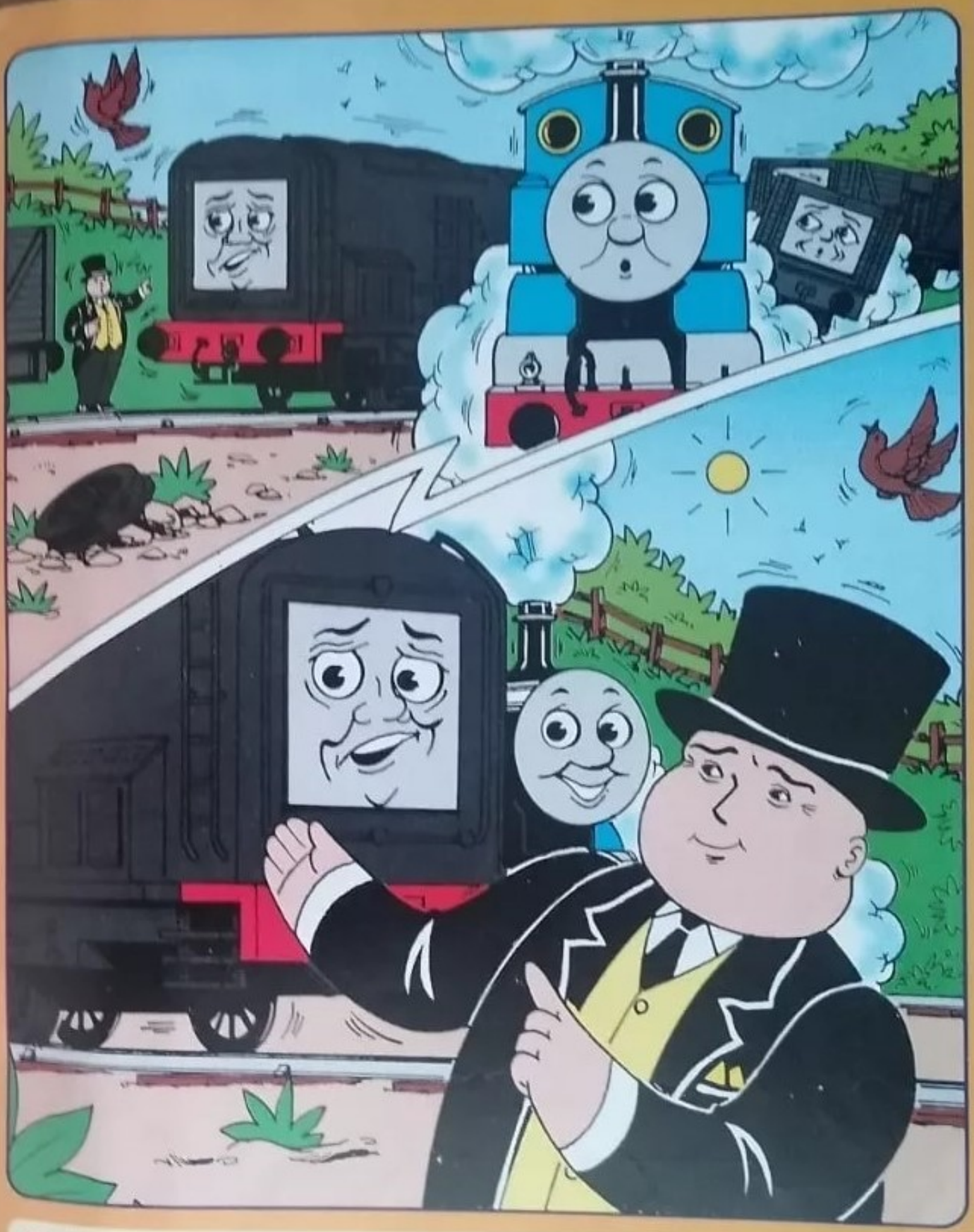
6. The naughty trucks sped back down the hill. They were racing faster and faster, laughing crazily. "We've lost our engine! We're running away!" they cried.

7. Thomas' driver applied the brake, then started the engine forwards again. "Got to catch them!" puffed Thomas. "I'll be to blame if there's an accident."

8. Thomas steamed down the hill. He was gaining on the runaway trucks, but the ones at the tail were disappearing around a tight bend at the bottom of the slope.

9. The trucks hurtled on and collided with Diesel who was shunting wagons on the same line. The crash sent the trucks left and right. Diesel was derailed.

10. His bodywork was damaged too. "What are you doing?" fumed Diesel. "You're supposed to cause havoc for Thomas, not me!" Then, The Fat Controller arrived.



11. Thomas stopped when he saw The Fat Controller. He thought he was in trouble. The Fat Controller was cross with Diesel. "You talked the trucks into running away!"

12. Diesel looked very sorry for himself as the breakdown crane arrived. "We can mend his bodywork, but we can't mend his ways," said The Fat Controller.

The End

Dot to Dot!

Join the dots to see what Bridget is doing in the snow.

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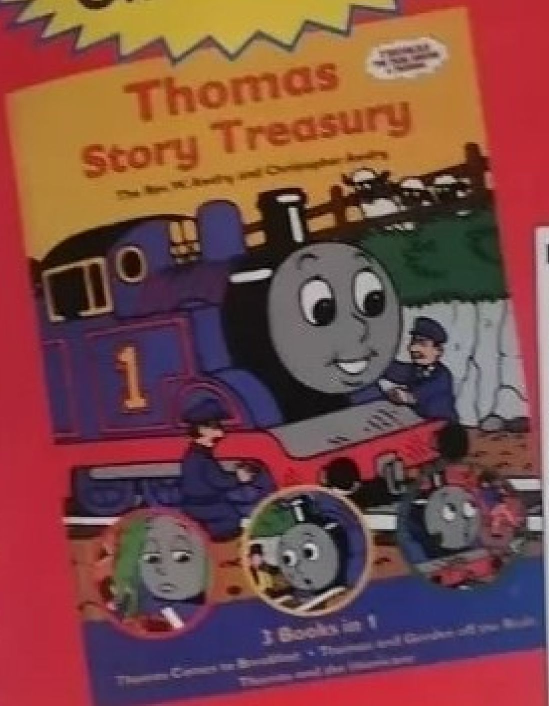

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by Hannah Chamberlain, aged 3.

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He gave Percy such a fright,
But he did not bite.
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